

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDISE WHEAT EXPORT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to subsidise wheat exports to make it competitive;
- (b) if so, the extent of subsidy proposed to be given;
- (c) whether open market import of wheat has stopped; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : Government is carrying excessive wheat stocks in relation to buffer norms. In view of normal wheat crop, liquidation of excessive stocks has become necessary. Export of wheat can be one way of liquidating stocks. Ruling prices of wheat in India being high as compared to international prices, the export potential is extremely bleak unless it is subsidised, the extent of which will vary from transaction to transaction depending upon the market conditions.

(c) & (d) : The open market import of wheat has been checked as a result of the imposition of 50% duty on wheat imports.